

Middle Eastern Studies (BA)

Total Hours Required: 120

Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is a suggested four-year course sequence to support academic planning and serves as a helpful guide. Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor to tailor their course selections and timelines to their individual goals and circumstances.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
MES 301K	Introduction to the Middle East: Religious, Cultural, and Historical Foundations	3
<u>Visual and Performing Arts (050)</u>		3
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing	3
<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		3
<u>First-Year Signature Course (090)</u>		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
MES 301L	Introduction to the Middle East: Adjustment and Change in Modern Times	3
<u>Mathematics (020)</u>		3
<u>Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)</u>		3
<u>U.S. History (060)</u>		3
MES 301C	Gateway to the Middle East	3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Semester 1		
Minor/Certificate course		3
Free Elective		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)</u>		3
Hours chosen from:		6
ARA 601C	Intensive Arabic I	
HEB 601C	Intensive Hebrew I	
PRS 601C	Intensive Persian I	
TUR 601C	Intensive Turkish I	
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Minor/Certificate course		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)</u>		3
<u>U.S. History (060)</u>		3
Hours chosen from:		6
ARA 611C	Intensive Arabic II	
HEB 611C	Intensive Hebrew II	
PRS 611C	Intensive Persian II	
TUR 611C	Intensive Turkish II	
Hours		15
Year 3		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from:		3
ARA 621K	Intensive Arabic III	
HEB 320L	Hebrew through the Media	
PRS 322K	Intermediate Persian I	
TUR 320K	Intermediate Turkish I	
<u>Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)</u>		3
Minor/Certificate course		3

MES 341	Topics in the Middle East: Social Science	3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
MES 342	Topics in the Middle East: Arts and Humanities	3
Hours chosen from:		3
HEB 346	Topics in Hebrew Language, Literature, and Culture	
PRS 329	Topics in Persian Language, Literature, and Culture	
TUR 329	Topics in Turkish Language, Literature, and Culture	
Upper-division Minor/Certificate course		3
<u>American and Texas Government (070)</u>		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Semester 1		
MES 343	Topics in the Middle East: History	3
<u>American and Texas Government (070)</u>		3
<u>Humanities (040)</u>		3
Track		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
MES 323C	Engaging the Middle East	3
Upper-division Minor/Certificate course		3
Track		3
Track		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		120

Requirements

All requirements are listed below, starting with the most specialized moving to the most general. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy General Education requirements, including Core Curriculum.

Code	Title	Hours
Major		
Hours chosen from:		6
MES 301J	The Ancient Middle East	
MES 301K	Introduction to the Middle East: Religious, Cultural, and Historical Foundations	
MES 301L	Introduction to the Middle East: Adjustment and Change in Modern Times	
MES 310C	Introduction to the Old Testament	
MES 310D	Introduction to Islam	
MES 310R	Introduction to Middle East Religions	
MES 301C	Gateway to the Middle East	3
Hours chosen from: upper-division Middle Eastern language (Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish)		6
Hours chosen from: upper-division in each of the following areas:		9
Social Science:		
MES 341	Topics in the Middle East: Social Science	
Arts and Humanities:		
MES 342	Topics in the Middle East: Arts and Humanities	
History:		
MES 343	Topics in the Middle East: History	
Hours chosen from: one below track		9
Arabic		
Hebrew		

Turkish		
Persian		
Ancient Near East		
Islamic Studies		
History		
Literature		
MES 323C	Engaging the Middle East	3
<i>Subtotal</i>		36
Degree (see details below)		51
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		3
<i>Subtotal</i>		54
General Education		
Remaining Core Curriculum (42 hours total)		30
Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency		
<i>Subtotal</i>		30
College Requirements - Liberal Arts		
General University Requirements		
Total Hours		120

Degree - Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Liberal Arts

Code	Title	Hours
Degree		
<i>Literature and Writing</i>		
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Plan II honors requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	3
Hours chosen from: <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		6
Choose a sequence below:		12
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
E 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I or T C 303C Plan II World Literature Part I	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
E 316L	British Literature	
or E 316M	American Literature	
or E 316N	World Literature	
Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency		3
Choose a sequence below: <i>Social Science</i>		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
S S 302C	Honors Social Science: Methods and Theory or S S 302D Honors Social Science: Psychology or S S 302E Honors Social Science: Anthropology or S S 302E Honors Social Science: Anthropology or S S 302F Honors Social Science: Economics	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
<u>Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		
<i>Mathematics</i>		
Choose a sequence below: (M 301, M 316K, and M 316L do not count toward this requirement)		3

Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
M 310P	Modern Mathematics: Plan II	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
Hours chosen from: Mathematics		
Choose a sequence below:		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
T C 310	Modes of Reasoning or PHL 313Q Logic and Scientific Reasoning	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		
Choose a sequence below:		15
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
Six Hours chosen from: Astronomy, biology, chemistry, geological sciences, physical science, or physics (may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
BIO 301E	Problems in Modern Biology	
PHY 321	Modern Physics: Plan II	
Three Hours chosen from:		
Art history, music history, or history of theatre and dance		
Upper-division classical civilization, humanities, literature, or philosophy		
Sequence 2: Plan I International Relations and Global Studies		
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		
Sequence 3: Other Plan I		
Hours chosen from:		
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>		
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought		
Total Hours		51

Additional Requirements and Policies

Unless otherwise stated, students must complete at least:

- 15 upper-division degree hours
- 24 upper-division degree hours taken in residence at the University
- 36 additional degree hours taken in residence at the University.

Credit may be earned via credit by examination, extension, or transferred hours from another institution (requires dean's approval).

Major and minor required hours may also be used to fulfill degree requirements unless expressly prohibited.

A course in one degree area may not also be used to fulfill the requirements of another degree area unless specified otherwise.

Mathematics courses at the college algebra level may not count toward elective hours.

Majors

A major consists of 24 to 45 hours, with at least 15 upper-division hours unless the requirements of the major state otherwise.

Students must earn at least:

- 18 major hours taken in residence at the University.
- 6 upper-division major hours taken in residence at the University

- a 2.00 grade point average for in-residence major hours taken at the University unless a higher minimum scholastic requirement is specified for the major.

Minors

Students must get permission from their College of Liberal Arts academic advisor to pursue more than one transcript-recognized minor or certificate per major. The academic advisor will approve or deny the request after considering the student's long-term educational and professional goals and the student's ability to graduate within 4 years of entering the University.

Students should consult the department offering the course before planning to use it to fulfill the minor requirement.

Hours used to fulfill the requirements for a minor must be taken on the letter-grade basis.

See [University Minor and Certificate policies here.](#)